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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

**In re VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.
SECURITIES LITIGATION**

MDL No: 1695

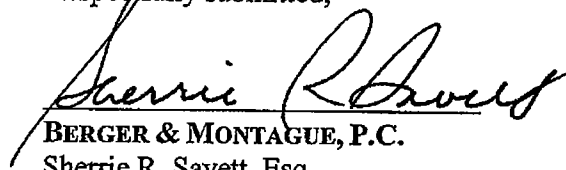
**PLAINTIFF STEELWORKERS PENSION TRUST'S RESPONSE TO
THE MOTION OF VEECO INSTRUMENTS, INC., EDWARD H. BRAUN AND
JOHN F. REIN, JR., TO TRANSFER AND CONSOLIDATE ACTIONS
FOR PRETRIAL PROCEEDINGS**

Steelworkers Pension Trust (the "Steelworkers"), a plaintiff in the securities class actions pending before two federal district courts (the "Actions") who has filed a Motion for Consolidation, for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and for Approval of Lead Plaintiff's Selection of Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel on April 18, 2005 (the "Lead Plaintiff Motion"), hereby responds to the Motion of Defendants Veeco Instruments, Inc., Edward H. Braun and John F. Rein, Jr. for Transfer of Actions to the Southern District of New York for Coordinated or Consolidated Pretrial Proceedings Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (Defendants' "MDL Motion to Transfer and Consolidate"), as follows:

1. The Steelworkers takes no position on the issue of transfer of the Actions to the Southern District of New York. However, Steelworkers agrees that all the Actions should be consolidated, as set forth in Steelworkers' Memorandum of Law in Support of its Lead Plaintiff Motion.

Date: May 20, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, that on this 23rd day of May, 2005, I caused true and correct copies of Plaintiff Steelworkers Pension Trust's Response to the Motion of Veeco Instruments, Inc., Edward H. Braun and John F. Rein, Jr., to Transfer and Consolidate Actions for Pretrial Proceedings, to be filed with the Clerk of each District Court in which an action is pending that will be affected and to be served by Federal Express on each of the following counsel on the attached panel service list.

Dated: May 23, 2005



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